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## CANARY ISLANDS.

*Smallpox at Las Palmas.*

Consul Berliner reports from Teneriffe, January 19, as follows: An outbreak of smallpox has occurred at Las Palmas, Grand Canary.

To-day there were reported 21 cases and 1 death. All precautions have been taken to prevent the disease from spreading.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

## CHINA.

*Reports from Hongkong—Plague and smallpox.*

Assistant Surgeon McMullen reports January 3, 7, and 13 as follows: During the week ended December 27, 1902, 10 vessels were inspected, 53 steerage passengers and 453 crew were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 593 pieces of baggage were disinfected. Two cases and 2 deaths from plague and 1 case of smallpox occurred during the week—all Chinese. One case each of diphtheria and enteric fever were the only other cases of communicable disease reported in the colony for the period covered by this report.

During the week ended January 3, 1903, 15 vessels were inspected, 238 steerage passengers and 675 crew were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 995 pieces of baggage were disinfected.

The only communicable diseases reported in the colony during this period were 2 cases of plague (Chinese) and 1 of enteric fever (Japanese), all of which ended fatally. There were no rejections.

During the week ended January 10, 1903, 10 vessels were inspected, 59 steerage passengers and 436 crew were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 533 pieces of baggage were disinfected. One rejection for failure of disinfection.

The health of the colony remains good, and the only communicable disease reported during the week was 1 fatal case of smallpox (Chinese).

THE SURGEON-GENERAL.

*Report from Shanghai—Smallpox on U. S. A. T. Liscum.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, January 6, as follows: The following is a summary of the communicable diseases reported within the municipality during the week ended January 4, 1903: Smallpox, 2 cases, 18 deaths; typhoid fever, 1 case; diphtheria, 1 case. The total deaths from all causes were 4 foreigners and 138 natives.

There were several additional cases of smallpox on the U. S. A. T. *Liscum*, and upon my advice the ship was again disinfected with sulphur dioxide 5 per cent, the crew bathed, their clothing and bedding steamed at the municipal disinfecting station, and the men, after being supplied with disinfected clothing, moved to new quarters down the river.

There were 10 cases altogether, 8 of which developed between nine and twelve days after exposure to the original case, and the remaining case appeared sixteen days after the first case was removed to the hospital.

I recommended the vaccination of the entire ship's company after the appearance of the first case and the revaccination of all not showing satisfactory results. The recommendations were carried out by the transport surgeon.

The disease is of a very mild type, and has appeared in none who were protected by a recent successful vaccination or show signs of a previous attack of the disease, although one of the patients claims to have had smallpox some years ago.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

#### CUBA.

#### *Mortality statistics of Habana—Quarantine of Spanish steamship Puerto Rico on suspicion of typhus and on account of tuberculosis.*

Assistant Surgeon Trotter reports, February 5, as follows:

*Mortuary report of Habana for week ended January 31, 1903.*

Disease.	Number of deaths.	Disease.	Number of deaths.
Tuberculosis .....	20	Typhoid fever .....	1
Pneumonia .....	4	Enteritis .....	3
Broncho-pneumonia .....	2	Diphtheria .....	1
Bronchitis .....	5	Meningitis .....	7
Grippe .....	1	Cancer .....	7

Total deaths from all causes, 123.

The Spanish steamship *Puerto Rico* arrived at this port on January 26, 1903, from ports of Spain and Canary Islands. On the United States consular bill of health from Barcelona the word "typhus" had been erased and "typhoid fever" substituted, but the alteration had not been initialed. It stated that there had been 12 deaths from the disease. The bill of health issued by the Cuban consul at Barcelona read "12 deaths from *typhus* fever." At La Palma a passenger was taken on suffering from phthisis, and died on January 21, 1903. Therefore the ship on arrival here, owing to the foul bill of health from Barcelona and the death which occurred in transit, was placed in quarantine by the Cuban authorities, the passengers for Cuba being sent to Tricornia for observation, and the holds of the vessel, together with the passengers' baggage, disinfected by the Cuban quarantine service.

#### ECUADOR.

#### *Quarantine against San Francisco, Cal.*

The vice-consul-general reports, January 23, as follows: The board of health at Guayaquil has declared the ports of Ecuador closed against all arrivals from San Francisco leaving that port subsequent to January 20, 1903.

The SECRETARY OF STATE.